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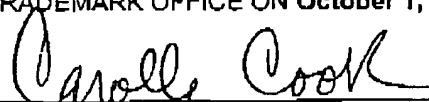
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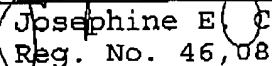
REQUEST TO CONSIDER PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

An Office action was mailed in the above-identified application on July 17, 2002. The Office action does not indicate that new claims 9-13 which were submitted in a Preliminary Amendment dated June 26, 2002, were considered. Enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment.

It is requested that the Office action dated July 17, 2002, be withdrawn to consider the Preliminary Amendment, and a new action be rendered on the merits. It is also requested that a new date for response be set upon mailing of the new Office action.

Respectfully submitted,
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